

**CLAIMS AMENDMENT**

Claim 1 (Canceled).

Claim 2 (Canceled).

Claim 3 (Canceled).

Claim 4 (Canceled).

Claim 5 (Canceled).

Claim 6 (Canceled).

Claim 7 (Canceled).

Claim 8 (Canceled).

Claim 9 (Canceled).

Claim 10 (Canceled).

Claim 11 (Canceled).

Claim 12 (Canceled).

Claim 13 (Canceled).

<sup>1</sup>  
Claim ~~14~~ (Allowed). A mutant protein having an amino acid sequence comprising:

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MAHAGRTGYDNREIVMKYIHYKLSQRGYEWDAAGDDVEENRTEAPEGTESEVV  
HLALRQAGDDFSRRYRGDFAEMSSQLHLTPFTARGRAFTVVEELFRDGVNWG  
RIVAFFEFGGVMCVESVNREMSPLVDNIALWMTEYLRHLHTWIQDNGGWDAFV  
ELYGPSMR (SEQ ID NO: 2).

Claim 15 (Canceled).

Claim 16 (Canceled).

Claim 17 (Canceled).

Claim 18 (Canceled).